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SUBJ: INDIAN PLANS FOR AUGUST ONE SATELLITE INSTRUCTIONAL
TELEVISION EXPERIMENT INAUGURATION

1. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: HOWARD GALLOWAY, NASA
REPRESENTATIVE IN AHMEDABAD, GOT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
FOR US TODAY FROM MR. GADE OF PROFESSOR CHITNIS' STAFF.

2. INVITATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SENT OUT, SINCE THE PRIME
MINISTER'S APPROVAL OF THE SUGGESTED PROGRAM IS STILL
AWAITED. THE INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION (ISRO)
WISHES TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS WITH THE INVITATIONS.

3. FURTHERMORE, PREPARATIONS FOR THE EVENT HAVE BEEN SLOWED
BECAUSE KEY INDIAN OFFICIALS ARE "NOT ALLOWED TO TRAVEL
DURING THE EMERGENCY."

4. INCIDENTALLY, AT THE AMBASSADOR'S FOURTH OF JULY
RECEPTION, SECRETARY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING, A.J.
KIDWAI, TOLD THE S&T COUNSELOR THAT THE SIDE PROGRAM
INAUGURATION HAD BEEN HIGH PRIORITY, BUT RECENTLY HE HAS
HAD NO TIME TO PAY ATTENTION TO IT.

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5. IF THE PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTS, A GENERAL TOUR

OF THE SITE FACILITY IS PLANNED AUGUST 1 AT 1600, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL SPEAK THROUGH THE SATELLITE TO THE VILLAGES AT ABOUT 1830, OTHERS WILL ALSO SPEAK, BUT NOT ON TELEVISION, AND THEN A LIVE PROGRAM WILL BE BROADCAST STARTING ABOUT 1900.

6. ISRO HAD PLANNED TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF A FEW AMERICAN INVITEES, BUT SINCE THEIR BUDGET HAS BEEN CUT, THEY NOW PLAN TO UNDERWRITE NO AMERICAN TRAVEL EXPENSES.

7. THE INDIANS PLAN TO INVITE THE AMERICANS LISTED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS, AND WILL INVITE ANY OTHERS WE SUGGEST. INDIAN ATTENDANCE FROM OUTSIDE AHMEDABAD MAY BE SEVERELY LIMITED BY RESTRICTIONS ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL DURING THE EMERGENCY.

8. SENATOR MOSS, REPRESENTATIVE TEAGUE AND UN AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN.

FROM NASA: ADMINISTRATOR FLETCHER, FRUTKIN, MATTHEWS, JAFFE, BARNES, MAROTER, JACK MILLER, LINDLEY, NICHOLSON, REDISCH, GOETZ, GALLOWAY, ANDRUS, METZGER, MOORE.

FROM EMBASSY: AMBASSADOR SAXBE, WILLIAMS, METZNER (LOCALS DUTT, GUJRAL).

FROM FORD FOUNDATION: MCGEORGE BUNDY.

FROM WESTINGHOUSE: DAY, GELLER.

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FROM MIT: WIESNER, LERNER, SARLY, ROSSI, LEMER.

FROM CORPROATION OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING: LOOMIS, BENJAMIN, MACY, WELLS.

FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING: HARNEY, FORMER SCC COMMISSIONER REXLEE, ASPEN PROGRAM DIRECTOR CATER. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

9. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: EMBASSY COMMENTS:WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE AMBITIOUS LIST OF INVITEES WITH ISRO. S&T COUNSELOR TOLD NASA REP HE WAS JUST SEEKING INFORMATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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WE THINK THE PRIME MINISTER WILL DECIDE FINALLY WHETHER OR NOT TO ATTEND ONLY AT THE LAST MOMENT.

10. THE AMBITIOUS LIST OF INTENDED AMERICAN INVITEES IS IN CONTRAST TO THREE ARTICLES IN THE LOCAL INDIAN PRESS THIS PAST WEEK WHICH, COMMENTING ON THE GOOD TECHNICAL QUALITY OF INITIAL SITE TEST RECEPTION FROM THE SATELLITE, MENTIONED NASA ONCE, ATS-6 ONCE, AND THE USA NOT AT ALL.

WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HASTENING THE INDIANS ON THEIR
INVITATIONS SINCE THE LATER THEY COME, OBVIOUSLY THE EASIER
IT WILL BE FOR US INVITEES, IF THEY WISH, TO PLEAD "SHORT
NOTICE" ON THEIR INABILITY TO ATTEND. END EMBASSY COMMENTS.
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